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SUBJECT: TANZANIA: TEXT OF CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT  
KIKWETE FOR 232ND INDEPENDENCE DAY

¶1. Post received Diplomatic Note KA 709/710/01 on July 2 with a  
congratulatory message for Independence Day from President Kikwete  
be transmitted to President.

¶2. Begin text:

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the  
United Republic of Tanzania presents its compliments to the Embassy  
of the United States of America and has the honor to request the  
esteemed Embassy to forward the following congratulatory message  
from H.E. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, President of the United Republic of  
Tanzania to H.E. George W. Bush, President of the United States of  
America on the occasion of his country's Independence on 4th July  
¶2008.

The message reads as follows:

"H.E. George W. Bush  
Washington D.C.  
United States of America

On behalf of the people and Government of the United Republic of  
Tanzania and on my own behalf, I wish to convey my sincere  
congratulations to you personally, the people and Government of the  
United States of America for commemorating the 232nd anniversary of  
your country's Independence.

This occasion affords me of yet another opportunity to reaffirm our  
commitment to continue working closely together in enhancing and  
promoting further the existing relationship and cooperation between  
our two countries and peoples for our mutual benefit.

Please accept, your Excellency, my personal best wishes for your  
continued good health and prosperity of the people of the United  
States.

Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete  
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA"

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation avails  
itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United  
States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.

End text.

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